

## Bigger Blue Box – Recycle Even More!

### Paper Products



Magazines, catalogues, phone books, soft & hard cover books (remove hard covers)



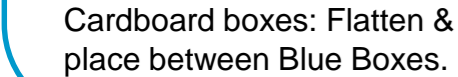
Household paper



Boxes, egg cartons, tubes (flattened)



Newspaper Flyers



Cardboard boxes: Flatten & place between Blue Boxes.

No wrapping paper

No Styrofoam™, bubble wrap, plastic bags or film

### Containers



Plastic clamshell containers (No Styrofoam™)



Steel & aluminum cans, metal paint cans (empty), aluminum foil and pie plates



Glass bottles & jars



Spiral wound (cardboard) cans



Plastic bottles, tubs, jugs

Aerosol cans (empty)

Cartons & drink boxes

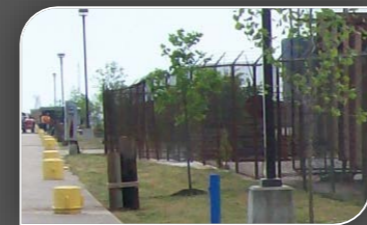
**We now collect paper cups, ice cream tubs, and rigid plastic!**

### Memorial Program

Celebrate friends and family, promote your business, mark a special occasion or show support for our community.



**Benches:** Black, steel, park bench with an engraved 2" x 10" bronze plaque inset. Available locations include municipal parks, beaches, and harbour areas.



**Trees:** Species that are being offered include the following: Tulip Tree, Sugar Maple, Ohio Buckeye, and other native species. Locations include municipal parks, and harbour areas. Please contact Municipality for more information and cost.

For more information please call 519-631-4860 ext. 239 or [ssteffler@centralelgin.org](mailto:ssteffler@centralelgin.org).



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## Turvey Park Upgrades

Turvey Park, located on Edgewell Crescent in Lynhurst, is undergoing some big changes.

Upgrades to the park will include widened pathways, new playground equipment, and outdoor fitness equipment.

Improved emergency access and more hard surfaces will make the park safer and more accessible.



We are working with Dillon Consultants to develop a plan for the Port Stanley Harbour.

At our last meeting on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, residents and visitors had an opportunity to give feedback directly to Council, staff, and the consultants. We discussed the proposed vision and a draft plan for the harbour.

For more opportunities to participate or for more information about the Harbour plan, visit [www.centralelgin.org/harbour](http://www.centralelgin.org/harbour), or contact Shelly at [ssteffler@centralelgin.org](mailto:ssteffler@centralelgin.org) or 519-631-4860 ext 239.



Photo courtesy of Murray Cutler and Eli Chebib

## CITY OF ST. THOMAS Community Recycling Centre

Central Elgin residents can take their recycling and waste to the St. Thomas Community Recycling Centre at 330 Edgeware Road.

Summer hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10 AM - 6 PM, and Saturdays 8 AM - 3 PM.

Tires, cardboard, recyclables, electronics, scrap metal, yard waste, and household hazardous waste (on Saturdays) are all accepted free of charge.

For more information, please visit <http://stthomas.ca/content/community-recycling-centre-crc> or call 519-631-1680 ext. 4258.

### Did you know...

MacLean's recently named Central Elgin in the top 10% of places to live in Canada.

## New Website

We have a new website! It features:

- A responsive web design, suitable for mobile and tablet devices
- An enhanced structure that allows you to find information in 3 clicks or less
- A search engine, powered by Google, that provides relevant information fast
- Enhanced news module with the ability to subscribe and filter alerts by category
- Updated calendar to see all upcoming community events, or submit your own.

Take a look at [www.centralelgin.org](http://www.centralelgin.org).



## Tax Distribution and Changes

**Roads/Drainage:** Funds the operation and maintenance of the municipality's roads, traffic control systems, sidewalks, and drainage.

**Recreation & Culture:** Funds recreational programs, as well as, maintenance of recreation facilities, parks, and sports fields.

**Policing:** Funds the Ontario Provincial Police services to provide residents with protection and enforcement services.

**Beach Services:** Funds the operation and maintenance of the four municipal beaches.

**Fire Protection & Prevention:** Funds fire prevention, suppression, and rescue operations.

**Waste Management:** Funds recycling and waste diversion programs.

**Provincial Education:** The provincial government sets the rates, which fund the education system in Ontario.

**Provincially Mandated Programs:** Funds mandatory provincial social programs such as social assistance, childcare services, social housing, public health, and long term care, as well as, the Municipality's share of assessment services.

**Corporate Services:** A variety of services associated with Council, Administration, building inspection, by-law enforcement, land use planning, and human resources.



## Port Stanley Wastewater Treatment Plant

Construction of the Port Stanley Wastewater Treatment Plant will be completed and operational by the end of 2017.

The project also includes the construction of a pump station, and a new Tourist Centre with public washrooms at the corner of Bridge Street and Carlow Road (shown below).



### Did you know...

Council meetings are open to the public. Meetings are generally held every second and fourth Monday of the month at 450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas. Agenda are available at [centralelgin.civicweb.net](http://centralelgin.civicweb.net).

### Stay Informed

No government can build a community alone; Council wants your input in its decision making discussions. Please get involved. **'Like' Central Elgin on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter at @MunCentralElgin, or see subscribe to our YouTube Channel.**

We encourage you to sign up to start receiving information from Central Elgin through email by sending your name and email address to: [ssteffler@centralelgin.org](mailto:ssteffler@centralelgin.org)

## How does the property tax levy work?

Property tax levy is the amount of property tax that is raised from residential, commercial, industrial, and other properties to help pay for municipal services and infrastructure.

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**  
(Gross Budget)



**REVENUES FROM NON-PROPERTY TAX SOURCES**  
(User Fees, Provincial Subsidies)



**PROPERTY TAX LEVY**  
(Net Budget)

## How your property taxes are calculated:

Residential property taxes are calculated using the following formula

Assessed Value	x	Central Elgin Property Tax Rate	=	Amount of Central Elgin Property Tax	+
Assessed Value	x	Elgin County Property Tax Rate	=	Amount of Elgin County Property Tax	+
Assessed Value	x	Education Property Tax Rate	=	Amount of Education Property Tax	+
				<b>= Total Property Tax</b>	

Your total property tax bill is based on three tax rates:

- Central Elgin (or lower tier) tax rate, which is approved by Central Elgin Council;
- Elgin County (or upper tier) tax rate, which is approved by Elgin County Council; and
- Education tax rate, which is approved by the Province

Central Elgin collects all three tax rates and then forwards approximately 49.86% of the taxes collected to the County of Elgin and the applicable district school board.

Central Elgin Council has no control over the tax levy set by the County of Elgin or the Province of Ontario education levy.

Property Class	2016	2017	Percentage Change
<b>Municipality of Central Elgin – Lower Tier</b>			
Residential	0.7869600	0.7860900	-0.11%
Farm	0.1967400	0.1965200	-0.11%
Commercial Occupied	1.2887257	1.2873000	-0.11%
<b>Elgin County – Upper Tier</b>			
Residential	0.5997200	0.6118510	2.02%
Farm	0.1499300	0.1529630	2.02%
Commercial Occupied	0.9821015	1.0019670	2.02%
<b>Education</b>			
Residential	0.1880000	0.1790000	-4.79%
Farm	0.0470000	0.0447500	-4.79%
Commercial Occupied	1.1800000	1.1400000	-3.37%